

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

Re: Our file: 9991-06/ejg
Invention: Pattern Cutting
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of office action dated November 24, 1999 and responds as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claims without adding any new subject matter, namely:

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1. [Amended]

A method of cutting pattern pieces from a continuous roll of material comprising the steps of unrolling said material unto a rotating cylindrical cutting surface, ^{with} and then cutting said material while said material is in rolling contact on said cylindrical surface during rotation of said cylindrical surface.

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6. [Amended]

A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein each said plurality of cutting means include cutting wheels which are selectively individually activated for cutting through said material in a selective manner, while said material is in rolling contact on said cylindrical surface during rotation of said cylindrical surface.